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Unshakable Things

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"And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."
(Heb. 12:27)

It has been laid upon my heart

to talk to you about some unshakable things that stand in the midst of all the confusion and changing scenes of this present day. I think there is no other word that describes conditions everywhere in this present day like the word "shaken." Everything has been shaken to its very foundations; this is true no matter where we turn, or what realm we may enter.

It is true of the financial world. I have people in my congregation who, a few years ago, computed their wealth in six figures, and today have no fortune and have barely the necessities of life. In these financial crises which are about us everywhere, more than one individual has come to feel that the only way out of his dilemma is the unhappy way of self-destruction. The financial world has been shaken, and the end is not yet.

A survey of the political world will reveal the same conditions. Nothing is more unstable than present day governments. Since 1914 the map of Europe has changed many times, and dynasties that were founded hundreds of years ago have passed away; while in more recent years the Communists, the Fascists, and the Nazis have been shaking their fists in the face of stability, and threatening the integrity of the nations.

Likewise, in the religious world many are at a loss to know what to believe in regard to the great doctrines of our faith. Few of the great verities for which multitudes have fought and bled, are considered worth contending for. The world of religion is a place of confusion, and similar to the financial and political worlds, is like a ship at sea without a rudder.

My friends, these conditions in the world present an unparalleled opportunity to you who know God to hold forth the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it would be a tragedy for you to go out of life to stand before God without having used your time and talents in an honest effort to point men and women to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Christian people need not be perturbed, no matter what the future may hold. There are some things that are unshakable—as unwavering today as they ever were, and I want, as an ambassador of the King of kings and the Lord of lords, to urge you to link your life with these verities so that

you may be as the rock of Gibraltar—unmoved in your faith and a shining light to others.

I. THE THONE OF GOD

The first of these unshakable things upon which I wish to dwell is the throne of God. In Hebrews 1:8 we read, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." We have seen other thrones topple and fall. We



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have seen throne after throne fall in the shaking process of the last twenty-five years, and some of them have been founded for hundreds of years. Those that remain are becoming more and more insecure, and in regard to them, we do not know what a day may bring forth. But there is a throne that is as unshaken as ever, and that throne is the throne of God. No matter what may take place in this world, or in the starry universe above, the throne of God in the center of the universe stands forever and cannot be shaken.

Whatever his capabilities or lack of abilities may be, the man who acknowledges that throne and yields allegiance to it, will, even in this day, be as Mt. Zion which cannot be moved. The man who refuses to reckon with that throne, however learned and polished his life may be, will be a spiritual bankrupt today and part of the chaos of the Christ-rejecting world.

My friends, that is the trouble with our nation and with the world today. We have turned away from God. All of our national problems and our local problems are the inevitable result of our departure from the government of the living God. For I submit to you that when men depart from the realization that they are under the personal control of the living God and that they must give a personal account for every word and every deed to Him, they naturally gravitate to the law of the jungle which says, "Do as you please, satisfy the desires of the flesh without regard for anybody. Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die."

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By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

Last week we showed that if one who had been saved by the blood of Christ should go to hell then salvation would be by works and not by grace; then the Bible doctrine of salvation by the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross would be false; the Bible doctrine that one is justified, counted righteous for Christ's sake so that his sins are not imputed to him to damn his soul could not be true; and that if a converted person became lost, Christ's High Priestly intercession has failed. Of course, that could not be. Such conclusions are absurdities and prove that a born again child of God can not be lost.

However, here we give four more absurdities that would have to follow if a child of God could lose his salvation.

I. If A Saved Person Can Become Lost Then God's Own Child Would Be In Hell.

The Bible doctrine of salvation as a new birth, is very definite and clear. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God," and "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," and again, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:3, 5, 7). No one can ever be saved, said Jesus, without being born again.

This new birth was discussed in John 1:12, 13 as follows:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Everyone who believes in Christ, trusts in Him for forgiveness, receives the power and authority to become a son of God, a child of God, and such a one is "born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," we are told.

What does it mean to be born again, born of God? It means that the Holy Spirit of God actually comes into the body of one who trusts Christ, and works a change, regenerates him, gives him a new heart, makes him literally a new creature. He has still the old body, and the temptations that go with the body and the old carnal nature, but he also has then a new nature, the nature of God.

The change in the heart is made by the double work of the Holy Spirit and of the Word of God, so that John 3:5 says, "born of water and of the Spirit." First Peter 1:23 says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." The Scripture in Ephesians 5:26 says that the church, the bride of Christ, including all the saved, was bought by the Saviour, "that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." Titus 3:5 says that we are saved "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by

the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." The Word of God leads one to repent of his sins, a heart-turning from them. This is evidently the washing by the Word of God. Then the Holy Spirit who has convicted the sinner, makes him alive to God, puts new life in him, puts God's nature in him.

So a Christian has actually become a child of God. Second Peter 1:4 says that saved people are "partakers of the divine nature." A lost man has only one nature, and is a child of wrath. A saved person has the old Adamic nature inherited from Adam, but he also has a new nature, the divine nature. God lives in him. He is born of God. This seed of God is in every Christian, for I John 3:9 says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

Notice carefully that it is only that new person, that new nature given of God, that does not sin. Christian people sin—"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" says I John 1:8. But it is not

the new man, not that new nature, that sinned. It is the Adamic nature, the old nature, which we will have perfectly regenerated when we have our bodies resurrected or changed, for heaven.

But the important point is that God's seed remains in every one who is born of God. He literally is a partaker of the divine nature.

Now if that born-again person goes to Hell, God's nature goes to Hell in him, and then we would have really people born of God, still God's children, still with God's nature, in Hell! How absurd and impossible that is! But if a born-again child of God can lose salvation and be lost forever, that would be what would happen—God's own children, with God's nature within them, God's seed in them that could not sin, would be in Hell!

You see that the doctrine of the new birth, and the teaching that a child of God can lose salvation cannot be reconciled. The two doctrines do not fit together. One or the other is false.

II. If A Saved Person Can Ever Lose Salvation Then Many Promises of the Bible Do Not Mean What They Say or Are Untrue.

The Bible has many promises, so definite and clear, that if they mean what they say, and if they are true, they prove a child of God cannot ever lose salvation. Will you

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By THE EDITOR

For some time the Lord has laid on my heart the need to help people select and own the best Christian literature. All over the land I have found Sunday Schools that had no library of any kind and other Sunday Schools that had only a few tattered story books, that, though they were good, were not the best; and perhaps a few books put out by denominational publishing houses.

In investigating hundreds of pastors' libraries I have come to the conclusion the average minister has not more than four or five of the one hundred best Christian books including great Christian classics and the newer books that have proven themselves a universal blessing. Pastors usually have some rather dry commentaries which they rarely use. Those who have Spurgeon's or Maclaren's Sermons are fortunate and the exception. Most do not even have Matthew's Henry's Commentary, but others, less readable, less in-

spiring than that classic commentary.

I think I would be right in saying that not two preachers out of one hundred have a copy of Theopneustia (meaning God-Breathed) which I believe is the greatest book on the inspiration of the Bible, available in the English language. It was written by the great Swiss theologian Gausson, was greatly loved by Spurgeon, by Dr. James M. Gray. A big book, it is available at a very reasonable price, yet the average preacher never read it and does not know it exists!

Jesus is Coming by the great Methodist Dr. W. E. Blackstone is, I believe, the most useful book on Prophecy in the English language. It has been so received by great Christian leaders, interested in the second coming of Christ, for two generations; yet most preachers do not have it.

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That is the philosophy of life when God is forgotten, and behind the fact of a forgotten God there stands the explanation of crime and kindred ills that are sweeping our nation today.

Forty or more years ago, there began the gradual introduction into our universities and colleges and pulpits of our land the teaching that man was under no divine compulsion whatever, that man was only a law unto himself, segregated upon this planet without God and without hope. This teaching, like leaven, prepared the minds of the growing generation for the reception of socialism and communism until most of the denominations today have become thoroughly permeated with this destructive teaching. Nearly all of our universities have founded their courses upon the hypothesis that man has descended from the lower forms of life and this generation has been taught to believe that there is no personal God, that all morality of the past was but a form of slavery. Moreover, we actually put into effect the philosophy of Carl Marx and Immanuel Kant, the result of this philosophy being confusion and distrust on every hand, outbreathing sin and infidelity. Brethren, we need to get back to God or we will perish. This world is covered with ashes of nations that have repudiated God. America will be no exception. The present crisis is a call to men to turn their faces toward God. Other crises within our nation in the years gone by have brought people to their knees and caused the people of God to cry out for divine help, but today we seem to think that we are going to squirm out of the present dilemma and find a solution in ourselves for the present problem. But the solution of this problem is not in men; is in God alone.

A preacher told recently in the Church of the Open Door of a man who was riding along the road one day in a Ford, when something went wrong and the car would go no farther. He got out and looked at the engine, but could not find the trouble. He stood on the side of the road and stopped the first car that came by. It happened to a Lincoln. The man in the car said, "Well, what is the trouble?" "I cannot get this Ford to move," he replied. The man removed his gloves, took off his coat and made a few moves beneath the hood and said, "Now start the car." And sure enough, the Ford was functioning again. The man had started back to his Lincoln, when the gentleman in the Ford said, "Pardon me, but what is your name?" "My name," said the man, "is Henry Ford." In this crisis hour we need the creator of the world. We need Christ, we need God. The only hope of America is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In fact, we must choose between Christ and chaos.

II. THE WORD OF GOD

The second unshakable thing is the Word of God. We read in Psalm 119:89, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." There was never a time when the Word of God was attacked so fiercely as today; yet there was never a time when people had more reason to believe the Bible to be the Word of God than they have now. Think of its fulfilled prophecies—prophecies concerning Christ, prophecies concerning the Jewish nation, prophecies concerning the Gentile nations. Think of its marvelous unity. Think of the power of the Bible to lift men from sin to fellowship with God. Water cannot rise any higher than its source, and the Book that can lift men up to God must come from God.

If you should see me across the

street from this building, looking toward this great building, do not think I am admiring the architecture, although the architecture is indeed something to admire. I love to look at those words cut into the stone outside of the building: "For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven." In this day, when people have more reason to believe the Bible to be the Word of God than ever before, if a man says to me that he does not believe the Bible to be the Word of God, I immediately class that man as an ignoramus. The Bible is the world's greatest seller. Think of its indestructibility. All down through the ages men have been attempting to destroy the Word of God, to destroy the Bible; but the Bible cannot be destroyed, because it came from God and therefore, like God, is eternal. "For ever, O Lord thy word is settled in heaven."

The most scientifically correct book that this world has ever seen is the Bible. Science will never be able to disprove the divine order of the creation as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis.

One day a little girl went home from school and asked her father, "Daddy, is the moon made of green cheese?" The father answered, "Why do you ask that question, my child?" Her answer was, "My teacher said that the moon was made of green cheese." Then the father suggested that she study in her Bible to see whether or not she could find information concerning this question. Agreeing to his suggestion, the little girl went upstairs, only to return after five or six minutes, whistling a tune. Her father said, "I thought you were going to search the Word of God to find out whether or not the moon is made of green cheese." Her answer was, "I have studied my Bible and I have found what I wanted." When her father asked her how she found the information, she said, "I applied the scientific method. I read the first chapter of Genesis; the moon was made on the fourth day and cows on the sixth. Since you cannot make cheese without cows, I knew that the moon was not made of green cheese." The scientific order is perfect.

I wish to urge you to build your life upon the Word of the living God. Life is like a building. It must have a foundation if it is going to stand. Jesus Christ visualized this great truth in the parable of the two builders:

"Whoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:24-27).

If you should look at these two houses, you would not be able to see the difference in them. The difference was in the foundations—something that was out of sight. And, too, if you look at two men, one a Christian and the other a person who does not know the Lord Jesus Christ, you would not be able to see a great difference in them. Both have two feet, two arms, two hands, etc. But there is something in the man who knows the Lord Jesus Christ that the other does not have; and when the storm comes and the wind begins to blow, the Christian is able to say, "Peace, blessed peace!"

III. THE CHURCH OF GOD

The third unshakable thing I wish to mention is the church of God. My authority for this statement fell from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." You will remember that our Lord made this statement after questioning His disciples as to who the people in that day considered Him to be:

"And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and

said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:14-18).

The Lord Jesus built His church according to this statement, on the great central fact of Christianity, which is His deity. That is where the church stands: not on the example of Christ, nor on Christ as a good Man, or a great Teacher, but on Christ as the eternal Son of the living God. And because of that everlasting foundation, the church is secure for time and for eternity.

Every local church worthy of the name "church" has that foundation. Christian Science is not a church; neither is Unitarianism. Liberal "churches" that deny the deity of Christ are not churches either. They are simply clubs. The one and only church, the church which Christ is building, is made up of men and women who confess Christ as the eternal Son of God and are washed in His precious blood. That is the church against which "the gates of hell shall not prevail." It stands forever.

Christ's church is called "his body," to illustrate the mystical union betwixt Christ, the Head, and His people.

The older I grow, the less interested I am in denominational differences. One day I boarded a street car and sat beside a man who was reading his Bible. We began to talk and the man said, "To which church do you belong?" I answered by asking, "What is your church affiliation?" He replied, "I am a Methodist, I was born a Methodist and I will die a Methodist." When he repeated his question, "What is your church?" my answer was, "I belong to the church which is His Body." The man looked puzzled as he said, "That is a new one. I never heard of it before. When was it organized?" My reply was, "It was organized 2,000 years ago." When he asked, "Where are its headquarters?" and I answered, "In heaven," the poor man thought I had taken leave of my senses. But, my friends, that is the only church, and when the Lord returns and the church is raptured, the only one that He will recognize will be "the church, which is his body," made up of all men and women who have been truly regenerated.

IV. THE CHILD OF GOD

The last unshakable thing that I wish to discuss is the child of God. "He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2:17). That was D. L. Moody's favorite text, and, should you visit his room in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, you would see this wonderful statement from God's Word upon the wall. It was Mr. Moody's motto, and he endeavored in life to put the will of God for him into execution. If you, by the grace of God, determine to do the same thing, you will abide forever.

You ask, "What is the will of God for me?" The will of God begins with believing on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. The Lord said to certain ones, "This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life" (John 6:40).

After you have come to know Christ as your Saviour, then you may speak to Him in regard to the sphere of your service. It may be that God will have you go to Africa, or India, or China, or some other needy field. The will of God is not only the holiest place but also the happiest place in which to dwell.

One of the greatest men that God ever raised up in recent years to preach the gospel was Dr. Walter B. Hinson, the late pastor of the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, of Portland, Oregon. It is said that following a consultation with a specialist, at which time he had been informed that he was the victim of an incurable disease, and had only a few months to live, Dr. Hinson walked out into the garden of his home, which he loved. Looking at the mountains reaching their majestic heads heavenward, and gazing in the direction of the mighty Columbia River, watching the sun as it slipped behind the everlasting hills, he said, "When the mountains have

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study some of these promises carefully, and answer in your own heart whether or not they mean what they say and then whether or not they are true?

I. John 5:24:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life; and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Here we are told that one who hears the Word of Christ and depends or trusts in the Father who sent Jesus to save sinners, already has everlasting life, "And shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." Notice we are not told that the believer in Christ will one day, in Heaven, have everlasting life. No, he has it already! The promise is as clear as it can be that this one who has trusted in Christ shall never come into condemnation. He is already passed out of death into life. How could that be true if one

forever ceased to be exalted in towering strength above the cities of the earth; when the river has run its last mile; and when seas have passed forever from the universe; when the sun has risen and set in all its beauty and glory for the last time; yea, when the moon and the stars have forever ceased to give their light; when the mighty trees of the forest have shed their last leaves, and all nature has departed to its final rest, I SHALL LIVE ON, yes, I SHALL LIVE ON."

We have also read of the great sadness that came into the heart of a noted English pastor who had shepherded his flock for forty consecutive years. With deep emotion and with quivering lip, the pastor had resigned his pastorate mid the shedding of many tears in his congregation. The next day the sexton was standing under the gallery in the great auditorium, when he saw the pastor come out and step behind his much loved pulpit. For a moment he stood there in profound agitation, and then with a trembling but confident voice, he said, "I must sever my connections with this church." Then, looking to heaven and thinking of his eternal union with Christ, with upraised hand, he added:

"But this I do know,

We two are so joined,

He can't be in heaven,

And leave me behind."

Brethren, these are dark days, possibly the darkest we have known for many a year. Let us, as pastor and people, lay hold as never before with a firm grip of unwavering faith upon these unshakable things, and spend our lives in making them known with all of their meaning to a poor, lost, dying world.

A few days ago, I received word of the death of one of my best friends, and one of the greatest soul winners of the last generation, the Reverend Charles F. Hummel. Mr. Hummel was in the Moody Bible Institute with me from 1911 to 1913. Upon being graduated from that institution, he went to Africa to work among a primitive people, many of whom had never heard the name of Christ. For twenty-seven years he had the privilege of telling the marvelous story of redeeming grace. God signally blessed him, and at a recent communion service, hundreds and hundreds of men and women, redeemed from heathen darkness, gathered to remember the Lord in His death and His coming again.

Mr. Hummel burned himself out for Christ whom he loved so dearly, for he died at the age fifty-two. Several days ago he underwent an operation in the Johns Hopkins Hospital. On Sunday, Oct. 19, he slipped away from us and went into the presence of the King. My friends, that man will live on and on and on, for he lived here on earth to do the will of God, and "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

I urge all of you young people here this morning to sever yourselves from the things that perish with the using, and to link your lives with the things that are eternal. If you do not know Christ, accept Him into your heart this morning. Link your life with God in blessed service for the making of His glorious salvation known. May God lead you to do this today.

loses his salvation? Anyone who had trusted in Christ, who had been born again, then if he should be lost and go to hell would have a right to look in the face and tell God that his word could not be trusted. Either God did not mean what he said or he did not keep his promises.

2. John 10:27-29:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Those who are really Christ's sheep hear his voice. He knows them and they follow Him. Christ's sheep do not follow Him perfectly, but there is something in the heart of every born again person that loves God and hates sin and wants to do right; something that follows Jesus. Now about these sheep Jesus says, "And I give unto them eternal life." Christians do not buy life, they do not work for it, they are not on probation for it; Jesus simply, freely, gives His sheep eternal life! But is it life eternal that only lasts one year or ten years or ten minutes or till sin comes in? Certainly not! Eternal life lasts for ever. I was given a watch with a twenty year guarantee. No guarantee is any good except for the future. The watch was already paid for. I did not have to pay anything or do anything further to make the guarantee effective throughout the twenty years. The guarantee was good for 20 years. Likewise I came to God through Jesus Christ. Christ Himself bought me with His own blood and guaranteed me eternal life. I accept that guarantee. Christ will not break His promise. The guarantee He gave is good for ever. But if I should go to Hell after being given everlasting life, then the term "eternal life" would not mean what it is intended to mean, and Christ's promise would not be true! God forbid it!

"And they shall never perish," said Jesus. (Verse 28) So said Jesus Christ Himself! No sheep of Christ's shall ever perish. That is the same promise as in John 3:16 that a believer should not perish but have everlasting life." And that promise is proven untrue if a single soul ever goes to Hell who has trusted in Christ and has been born again.

"Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (Verse 28, 29), so said Jesus.

First of all notice the word *man* in verse 28 and again in verse 29 is in italic letters. That means that it was not in the original manuscript at all. What Jesus really said "Neither shall any pluck them out of my hand." And again, "None is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." No man, nor devil, nor circumstance nor temptation, nor sin, nor failure, nor even self can pluck one of Christ's sheep out of His hand! And the Father holds the sheep in His hand, too, and none is able to pluck them out of the hand of the Father. Both Christ and the Father give their guarantee, that not a single sheep will ever be taken from their hands!

Now if the Word of God is true, if Christ meant what He said, and if His words can be relied upon, not a single sheep of His will ever be taken out of His hands by the devil or sin.

Someone says, "Well, Brother Rice, maybe he can take himself out of the hands of Christ and God." No, Jesus plainly said, "Neither shall any pluck them out of my hand." You cannot even pluck yourself out of the hand of Christ. And who ever heard of anyone who wanted to? I have known

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Christians to fall into terrible sin like Peter did, like Lot did, like David did. But neither Peter nor David nor Lot, nor any weak and failing and sinning Christian I ever knew really wanted to be taken out of the hand of Christ and wanted His soul lost. That is a silly thought.

So you see that if a saved person ever goes to Hell it proves the promises of Christ and God in the Bible do not mean what they say, or they are not true.

3. Romans 8:33-39:

"33. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died; yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36. As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Here God's Word plainly promises that God has justified His own elect and no one will be able to lay anything to their charge. (Verse 33). He says that no one can condemn a Christian since Christ has died for him and is even now living and at the right hand of God making intercession for us. (Verse 34).

And then there is that marvelous promise of verse 38 and 39 that "neither death, nor life," (not anything living nor dead).

That neither "angels, nor principalities, nor powers" (whether angels of God in Heaven or fallen angels and the principalities and powers of darkness.)

"Nor things present nor things to come," (not anything that now exists, not anything that ever will exist in the future).

Nor height, nor depth" (not anything all the way up to Heaven, not anything all the way down to Hell),

"Nor any other creature" (not any other thing ever created)

"SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD, WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD!"

That Scripture is clearly intended to give full assurance that nothing in all the universe of God, past, present or future can separate one of God's own, His born again ones, from His love. If that Scripture is true, if it means what it says, then no child of God can ever be lost. If that should happen it would prove that God's promises are not to be trusted, that the Bible is a lie. But that we know is not true. God forbid!

I could give page after page of such promises, guaranteeing to the believer everlasting life, saying that he was kept by the power of God, saying that the gifts and callings of God He never repents of, saying that He does not cast away the people whom He has foreknown, that He will never cast out one who comes to Him, saying that God has predestinated all those that He knew ahead of time would trust His Son, and that these He calls and justifies and glorifies, landing them safe in Heaven. But it is useless to multiply such promises. You can safely hang your soul on any single verse in the Bible that gives a promise of salvation!

Do you see how absurd it is to think that a child of God can be lost in view of the promises given? If a saved person ever loses his

salvation these promises are untrue.

III. If A Saved Person Can Ever Be Lost, Can Lose His Salvation After Great Bible Promises, Then Christianity Is No Better Than The False Religions Of The World.

If salvation is by man's works instead of God's grace, then that is exactly all the false religions teach. If one is saved by living a good life, or partly saved by living a good life, instead of by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, that is exactly what all the false religions teach.

Our Catholic friends teach that salvation is through the church, observing of the rites and following the rules of the church, doing good deeds. Remember that Catholics believe in the death of Christ. They believe Jesus died, but they do not believe that His death settled salvation for believers. They put in works of righteousness for people to do in order to make sure of salvation. They believe that one who has been right with God may fall away and be lost. The modernists, wicked unbelievers in Christ and the Bible, say that "Salvation is by character." Other people say that salvation is by blood, but actually they mean that it is not good for ten minutes unless you earn it, unless you live right, unless you hold out faithful. Actually they mean that a Christian is on probation, and cannot be sure that he is saved until he gets to Heaven! What is the difference between that doctrine that a child of God can be saved today and lost tomorrow, and the essential doctrines of Catholics or Modernists?

All the lodges teach that if you live up to the rules of the lodge, subdue your passions, do good to your fellowman, you will be saved, and that if you do not do these things you will be lost. The lodges believe there is a God, believe there is a Heaven, and believe you obtain it by faithfully doing good works. They do not believe, of course, that all of the sinner's sins are laid on Jesus and paid for once and for all by His death, and forgiveness received by the sinner on simple heart-felt penitent faith in Christ. Actually the religion of the lodges, trying to get to Heaven by good works, is about the same as the doctrine of those who think that every Christian is on probation and cannot be saved, cannot reach Heaven without "holding out faithful," without, in some measure, earning his salvation.

Search out the false religions of the world, whether it be the Mormons, the Mohammedans, or other heathen and pagan religions. They may believe in sacrifices, in certain rites and ceremonies, but they are all agreed on one thing—that

is that whatever salvation there is to be obtained by living a good life, by one's own righteousness. Don't you see that to say a child of God can be lost again is to say that his salvation depends upon his works and not upon the blood atonement, not upon the high priesthood of Christ? And to say that salvation depends in any wise upon a person's own righteousness and merits, is to put Christianity in the class with all the heathen religions and all the false cults.

Heathen religions, false cults, do not have a Saviour whose blood has forever finished the matter of salvation when shed on Calvary, finished it for all who put their trust in Him. They do not have any salvation wrought wholly by the finished work of Christ.

Heathen religions and false cults do not know anything of justification, the doctrine that one's sins are all laid on Christ in such a fashion and His righteousness accredited to the sinner in such a way, that the Christian cannot be charged with his sins to lose his soul. He can be chastened, he may lose his reward, but not his soul. Heathen religions, Modernism, Catholics, Mormons, so-called Christian Science know nothing of this Bible doctrine of justification.

Heathen religions know nothing of the thought of a High Priest in Heaven who is ever there interceding for us, praying for His own, guaranteeing our safety and security.

These doctrines, I say, are unknown to heathen religions. But when you believe in salvation by human works, or even partly on a salvation that is deserved by human merit, then you put Christianity down on the same low plane will all the false religions.

But how absurd, how impossible to count Christianity like these heathen and false religions! If a saved person can be lost, then the salvation of a Christian is just like the salvation of a heathen—depending upon his good works. We know that that cannot be true.

IV. If One Saved Soul Is Ever Lost, Then All Saved People Will Go To Hell Alike Since All Are Sinners Alike.

To the human eye there seems to be a great difference in Christian people. One seems to be most devout and spiritually-minded and pure in heart. Another seems to be very worldly and careless and unworthy. I say it seems that there is a vast difference.

But actually there is no such difference as there seems to be. The trouble is that "man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16:7). There is a difference in the outward appearance of Christians but in the heart each one has the same two natures. The casual observer would think that Paul the apostle had no struggle over sin and temptation like other Chris-

tians do, but the seventh chapter of Romans tells us, "When I would do good, evil is present with me," and again, "So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin" (Verses 21 and 25). Paul would appear to be the best man in all the New Testament, excepting Jesus Christ, but he plainly says, by divine inspiration "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners OF WHOM I AM CHIEF." (I Tim. 1:15).

So then if Paul was still the chief of sinners, then he would have been lost after salvation if anybody was lost.

Romans 3:22, 23: says, "For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." In the heart, where God sees, all are sinners. In God's sight, no doubt, it is as great a sin not to be filled with the Holy Spirit, as it is to be drunk, since both sins are forbidden in the same verse, Ephesians 5:18. In God's sight, no doubt, prayerlessness is as wicked, or more wicked than cursing and lying and denying Christ, for Peter's prayerlessness led him into other outbroken sins. Jesus had warned him, "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation." He did not pray, so cursed and lied and denied Christ.

Every Christian in the world sins. That is why Jesus commanded us to pray in that model prayer, the Lord's prayer, "And forgive us our sins" (Luke 11:4). Every Christian who has a right to pray and call God "Our Father which art in heaven" should daily confess his sins, as Christ commanded. First John 1:3 says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." If you say you don't have any sin at this moment, you are only fooling yourself. So says the Word of God.

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23). Any lack of faith, any doubt and trembling, any indecision about what is the will of God when we act, is a sin. Even to have less than the glory of God is sin (Rom. 3:23). Do you say you never have any of these sins? Have you never failed to pray as you ought? Have you never lacked faith? Are you never critical? Have you never sinned since you were saved?

But if a child of God, born again, falls away and becomes a lost sinner again when he sins, then everybody in the world falls away, for all sin. And that would mean that none of us deserve salvation and only those who died the very moment all sins were confessed and forgiven would be saved. Only one dying in the very second he came to Christ would be saved. And as far as that is concerned, it is doubtful if in the unconscious heart anyone is perfectly clear in God's sight even then. So if a sin will lose a soul, then all of us would be lost alike.

And besides that, Christ has set out to save all those who trust Him. That is His plain promise. He has promised His sheep, "And they shall never perish." He has promised that none shall take one of His sheep out of His hand. If Satan can overcome Jesus Christ to get one Christian, he can overcome Christ to get the rest of us. If Christ fails to keep one of the believers who has trusted in Him for salvation, we have no assurance He can keep the rest of us. If one soul can be lost then everyone

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Christians who sin and fail, then He does not keep any body.

CONCLUSION: Will You Take The Bible Or Human Wisdom?

If you have very prayerfully read this article and the Scriptures contained in it, you must have been impressed with the many, many Bible teachings that are clearly against the idea of a saved person losing salvation.

Now you can see why those who do not believe in the blessed eternal security of born again Christians use human arguments instead of the Scriptures. With good intentions they quote, but misuse a few Scriptures, interpreting them contrary to the intended meaning of the Holy Spirit. In my ten cent pamphlet, "Can a Saved Person Ever Be Lost?" I have referred to many, many of these Scriptures which some people think teach that a saved person can be lost. Only by being misunderstood do they seem to teach so, I cannot go into them here. But usually people who speak or write on this subject use very, very little Scripture. Instead they use human argument.

People who follow the doctrine of Arminians, that saved people are lost again when they sin talk about the horrors of "Calvinism," usually stressing predestination and inferring that all who believe in eternal salvation of believers are fatalists, extreme believers in predestination.

They talk strongly about "free-will" and the power of choice though the Bible has no discussion of this subject in the relation to the security of a believer at all.

They say again and again that for the Christian "life is a probation" though such a term is not even mentioned in the Bible.

They often say that no one can say he is already saved for sure or that we won't know until we get to Heaven. But the Bible repeatedly teaches that one now, present tense, has eternal life or everlasting life when he believes in Christ, that he shall not come into condemnation, that he is already passed from death into life, that he shall never perish, that he is now the child of God, that he has now received the atonement, and so forth.

No matter how good these arguments sound, the simple truth is that they are used because men cannot prove that a child of God can fall away and be forever lost by the Bible. Hence they try to prove it by human reasoning. Which will you take, brother, sister, human reasoning or the Word of God?

If you are willing to take the great doctrine taught in the Bible, salvation by the grace of God alone, not by works; the blood atonement unsubstitutionary death of Christ; that "all who believe are justified from all things," with his sins not imputed to him any longer but charged to Christ, and counted as if he had never sinned; or that Christ is now our priest forever interceding for us, taking our part before God; that a child of God is already born of God, has God's Spirit living in his body, has part of the nature of God within him, is already a new

creature with a new heart; and that God has promised again and again everlasting life to all of his children, and that he will never cast them out, that nothing can separate one of God's children from God's love and care, that no one can condemn him;—if you will take these Bible doctrines, then I promise you faithfully that God will help you clearly to understand all the other Scriptures on the same subject and you will find there is not a single contradiction in the Bible.

"A dangerous doctrine," you say? No, no doctrine is dangerous if it is in the Bible.

"It will encourage people to sin," you say. No, it will not! All over America in great revival campaigns thousands of people have come forward on the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour. It is a shocking fact that about a third of these people who come forward to be saved, to be converted, are people who have previously made a start for Christ, and thought as soon as they sinned they were lost again. They gave up hope, they lived in sin, sometimes for months or years before trying to get right with God. They had lived like any other out-broken sinner because they thought they were already lost anyway. That proves that the doctrine that you are lost again as soon as you sin is a dangerous doctrine and leads thousands to live in sin and discouragement, without hope and do not try to live for God.

But in the twenty-two years of revival campaigns, I have also had a great many people come on the invitation as backsliders, feeling that they had lost some of their joy, or that they had dishonored the Lord by some worldliness. Some of these were living in outrageous sin. But it is only fair to say that a large majority of them were in the churches claiming to be Christians, maintaining attendance at the house of God. They had lost some of their joy, they had grieved God by their conduct, but they had not given up hope. They had not quit. They still thought of themselves as Christians and they tried to live for God, though imperfectly. The obvious lesson is that a man who has somehow lost his joy, a man who, though a Christian, has grieved God by some sin, will do much better if he knows that he is still God's child and God is ready to forgive him and cleanse him, and have him live for God, than if he thought he is now a lost sinner again, that his salvation did not do him much good anyway, and what is the use he cannot hold out as so many thousands have said to me they could not. It is certainly more encouragement to a Christian to know that Christ is holding him, than to feel that he must get himself through by his own works. The Bible way is the best way.

No wonder that D. L. Moody said he never knew a good soul-winning Christian who wasn't first absolutely sure of his own salvation.

Will you again go over the eight absurdities mentioned in this article and the article last week on the same subject? A careful examination will prove that the doctrine of a Christian losing salvation after he is born again is inconsistent with all the great doctrines of the Bible. It is inconsistent with the doctrine of salvation by grace and not by works, the doctrine of blood atonement and substitutionary death of Christ, the doctrine of justification, the doctrine of Christ's high priesthood, the doctrine of the new birth. It is inconsistent with all Christ's promises of everlasting life and that His own would never perish, that nothing should separate between God's love and His people. The doctrine that one can fall away and be lost after being born again by faith in the crucified Saviour put Christianity down in the class with other religions, the heathen religions and false cults, which cannot save. And if Satan can take one poor sinner out of the hand of Christ then he would take us all!

I am not encouraging Christians to sin. The great love of a mother does not encourage her child to sin. Why should God's love encourage God's children to sin? God's love is more unchanging than a mother's love. A mother may punish her child and God punishes His child but He never breaks His promise and He never casts him out.

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